18. **Religious and Charitable Institutions.**—Under this head, I would mention the Murajapam ceremony which began on the 5th Vrischikam and ended on the 29th of Dhanu of the year. Notwithstanding the larger attendance and the higher contract prices paid for all supplies, the ceremony was conducted at a cheaper cost than in 1081, the total expenditure falling from Rs. 4,12,100 to Rs. 3,81,000. Action was taken during the year in regard to several of the matters mentioned in Mr. Ramachandra Rao's report. The final orders of the Government on the whole question of the management of the Religious Institutions of the State were, however, issued only after the close of the year. The expenditure on Charities fell from Rs. 4,45,918 in 1086 to Rs. 4,30,938 in 1087. It was, as you are no doubt aware, Rs. 6,45,003 in 1084.

19. **Coinage.**—In view to the troubles which the State had to go through in connection with its coinage, I have given somewhat fuller information on the subject of the Mint than is usual, and I would refer the Members to paras 270 to 278 of the Report. The action already taken to increase largely the volume of copper coinage in the State is being persisted in.

20. **Conclusion.**—I would, before closing this Address, refer to the important event which took place since the close of the year 1087, I mean, the birth of a son to Her Highness the Junior Rani, which happy event took place on the 22nd Thulam 1088. The event was received with joy all over the State and evoked demonstrations of loyalty and devotion to His Highness the Maha Raja from all classes of his subjects.

After the Address in English was read, copies of the Administration Report for 1087 M. E., of the Memoranda of Subjects, and of the Address in English and Malayalam, were distributed among the Members and others present, as also copies of the Report of the Christian Committee, among the Christian Members. The Assembly adjourned at 1 P. M., to meet again the next day at 11 A. M.

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